

**REMARKS**

Prior to entry of this amendment, claims 1-7 and 9-22 were pending. Claims 10-22 were pending and withdrawn. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 10-22 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, allowed claims 3-6 and 9 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment.

The foregoing claim amendments have been made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution of the present application and should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections in this or in any other Office Action issued in the present application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the present claims prior to being amended herein in this application or in another related application.

***Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102 and § 103***

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Conjugated Polymeric Materials, pages 91-99, 1990. Claim 1 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by US Patent No. 6,210,537. Finally, claims 1, 2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP patent application no. 06-041532 in view of US Patent No. 6,017,390.

Applicants respectfully disagree. However, *solely for the purpose of expedited prosecution*, Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2 and 7.

In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections of the claims.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, entry of the amendments and remarks herein, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections, and allowance of the instant application with all pending claims are respectfully solicited. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this Amendment. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. TAW-012US, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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